

Application No: 10/09,039

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 23-25 are canceled and claim 26 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-22 were indicated allowable over the prior art of record. Claim 25 was indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

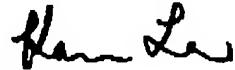
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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